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Editorial mention was made last week of the Report of the Ecumenical Conference held in New York City in the spring of 1900. The report of that conference, the largest of its kind ever held, is now published in two large volumes of above 500 pages each, and sells at \$1.50 for the two volumes. These books should be in the library of every Christian worker; the addresses are by the best men in the field, men and women of wide experience and knowledge, and we can conceive of no more valuable addition to a Christian's library than these books. In fact they are a missionary library in themselves. The price is so low that they are within reach of all, 75 cents per volume. For three new yearly subscribers at \$1.50 each we will send this set of books free. This is an opportunity to get the books for a little service which you can do along the way. Or the books will be sent prepaid on receipt of price, \$1.50.

## To Our Sunday-Schools

We have sent order blanks with descriptive circulars and return envelopes to all our schools of which we have any record. It is altogether likely that among those schools which are closed during the winter months are some who will fail to get these announcements. Please send us your name and we will at once mail you the circulars. If any new schools in your community are to be organized please send us the name and address of some one to whom we may send sample copies of our literature and special announcements for second quarter.

## For Permanent Use

Teachers, superintendents and others who desire their *Quarterly* bound for permanent use will please notify us. We have arranged to thus bind as many as may be wanted at ten cents each. There will be much matter specially prepared for the coming *Quarterly* that will be worthy of preservation in permanent form.

We are glad to note that Brother Summers is at work again and once more "Gleanings by the Wayside" make their appearance in these columns.

## Personal Mention

Brother J. R. Lichty reports the church and all its auxiliaries at Carleton, Nebraska, in good working order.

Brother D. C. Moomaw reports progress in the Lord's work in south western Virginia. He has been holding interesting meetings at Bethany.

Brother C. F. Yoder is having a most successful meeting at Warsaw, Indiana, to date 26 confessions are reported. A report of the meeting will be published after its close.

A card from brother John A. Myers, Millersburg, Iowa, states that they will dedicate the new church building at that place March 10, and that Brother Gillin will officiate.

Brother C. O. Ketro, Kinzie, Indiana, writes, "As for my wanting the paper any longer, would say I would not do without it if it cost three times as much. Find enclosed \$1.75 for a year's subscription and the Moody Book."

Thru private correspondence we learn that Brother Fox has in progress a meeting at Oakville, Indiana, and the result to date is 21 confessions. How much longer the meetings are to continue we do not know but expect a report from that place soon. Later: Meetings closed.

An average of 158 sermons each year for five years, a little more than three sermons per week, is a good record, and such Brother Wampler seems to make. With all this he had time to write on an average 235 letters and postal cards a year, and keep a record of all these details.

A sister writes us to discontinue her paper as she expects to read back numbers which she now has on hands. It certainly speaks well for the EVANGELIST that people will read it over again the second year, but financially it does not pay very well. Perhaps those papers have not had the first reading yet.

In Waterloo, Iowa, Brother Gillin has been preaching, with good interest and splendid results, on neglected Bible Doctrines. There are many of them and the theme gives Brother Gillin a wide field. Under date of February 16 he writes that he has been engaged in a meeting at Garrison, Iowa, with good attendance and interest.

Those concerned will please note the announcement of the meeting by Brother Rensch to begin in Goshen, March 3. If you have been guilty of making any of those excuses enumerated in the announcement, you want to make haste and dismiss them, and serve the Lord, for all such excuses are a bundle of lies.

Brother Swihart is conducting a meeting at Tiosa, Indiana, which, together with his letter to Brother Brown, will be sufficient evidence that he is yet alive. The omission of his name from the Annual is evidently an oversight on the part of some one. Brother Swihart will locate with the people at North Liberty, Indiana, and they already rejoice in the fact that they will have a resident minister.

Our readers will remember the announcement last week that if 25 persons will each pledge one dollar a Twentieth Century Number 2 of the EVANGELIST will be issued. In reply to this brother B. F. Burkhart, Johnstown, Pa., writes: "You can count me one for one dollar and when you have the twenty-five call for the money and I will send it to you." Very well, brother, if twenty four others will make a similar pledge our readers may expect that number 2 paper. Who will be next?

Brother E. L. Hilderbrand has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Hudson, Iowa, congregation, and now the people at that place are looking for a shepherd to begin work April 1. After Ashland College has been in active operation for a period of ten years it will supply at least some of these vacant charges. Brother Gillin also has resigned at both Waterloo and Enon, but he informs us that he will not leave those people shepherdless.

In the Annual for 1901, under Church Directory, appears the name of E. E. Haskins as a member of the Executive Committee from Pennsylvania; it should be I. D. Bowman, Philadelphia. We presume Brother Bowman is aware of the fact that he is the man but probably is too modest to say so. When the committee is ready to do business, and it should be soon, they will please remember this correction, and notify Brother Bowman instead of Brother Haskins.

We are in receipt of a private letter from a very successful pastor which is full of rich truths, and we should be glad to quote from it, tho the writer was particular to inform us that the letter is not for publication. An extract from it will suffice: "I have held meetings where it was impossible to get more than two or three out to prayer meeting but have a full house at night, and I observed that such meetings do not see many sheaves gathered. I believe that the members of this congregation could hold a revival each winter by the personal preaching of the gospel and without a revival sermon." That means a well organized church and a large degree of spirituality among the members.

Brother I. D. Bowman is at Nappanee, Indiana, where Brother Flora began revival work February 10 and continued until 19 when Brother Bowman came to his assistance. At his last Sunday evening service in Philadelphia, there were six confessions; we do not wonder that Brother Bowman felt like remaining in the city to continue his work there. Truly the field is large and the harvest ripe even for the gathering, but the laborers, it is now as it was of old, they are few, that is comparatively few, and perhaps it is safe to say that the *really* earnest, and the *real*, laborers are few indeed. From Nappanee Brother Bowman goes to Chicago to hold a series of meetings in the interest of our mission in that city. The whole brotherhood will pray for the success of the effort.

We are always pleased to learn that our work is appreciated, and especially are we pleased to know that our readers appreciate the paper. It is always with more or less hesitancy that we give to the public the encouraging things our people say about the paper, but in this we are made to feel that others have an interest as well as we. Sister Emma M. Stauffer says: "Certainly all its friends must be much gratified at the great improvement in the paper, knowing it so well from the beginning. The Twentieth Century Number was fine." Brother Hubbard writes: "wish you success in every effort that you make to still make our *good* paper better, and I might say already the best that I know of." Sister Harvey Harris writes: "Yes, we want to continue the EVANGELIST; do not know how we could get along without it. It is getting better all the time." Thanks, friends, your kind words are encouraging, and we appreciate them.

